

INTIMACY ONLINE

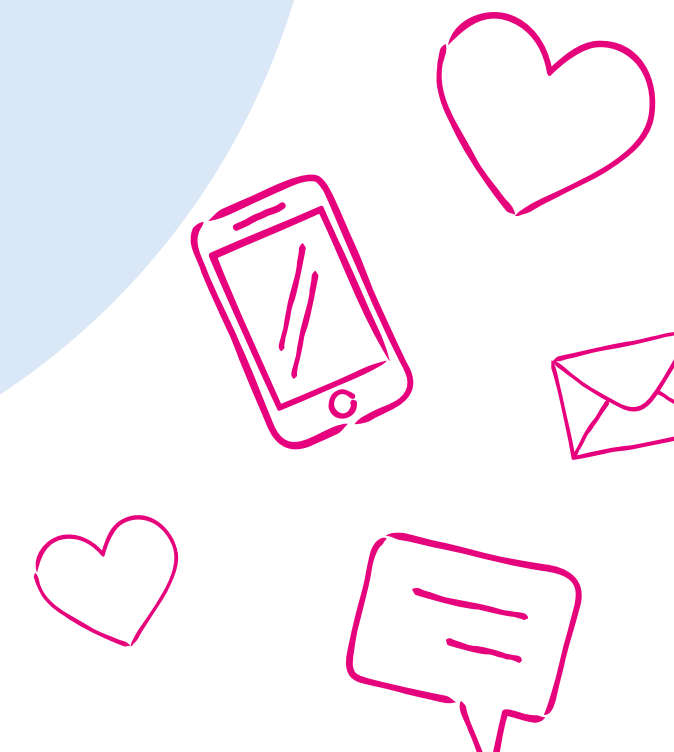


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PART ONE

Aleks and Tara are classmates and have been friends on Snapchat for some time. At first, they mainly send each other photographs from trips and school-related content. Over time, however, they begin exchanging Snaps almost every day and start talking about more personal matters.

Tara notices that she is checking more and more often to see whether Aleks has sent her anything, while Aleks frequently looks for reasons to start a conversation. One evening, they tell each other that they like one another. Their messages become increasingly flirtatious. They started sending more selfies, exchanging compliments, and sharing increasingly personal details. They value the growing sense of closeness between them.



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PART TWO

One evening, their conversation stretches late into the night. At one point, Aleks asks Tara if she would send him a nude. Tara does not respond immediately. She likes Aleks and trusts him, but she is not sure whether she wants to send him a naked photograph of herself. Aleks writes to her that photos shared via Snapchat disappear anyway and promises that no one else will see it. Tara still hesitates but she does not want Aleks to think that she does not trust him or like him enough. Eventually, she decides to send him the photograph.

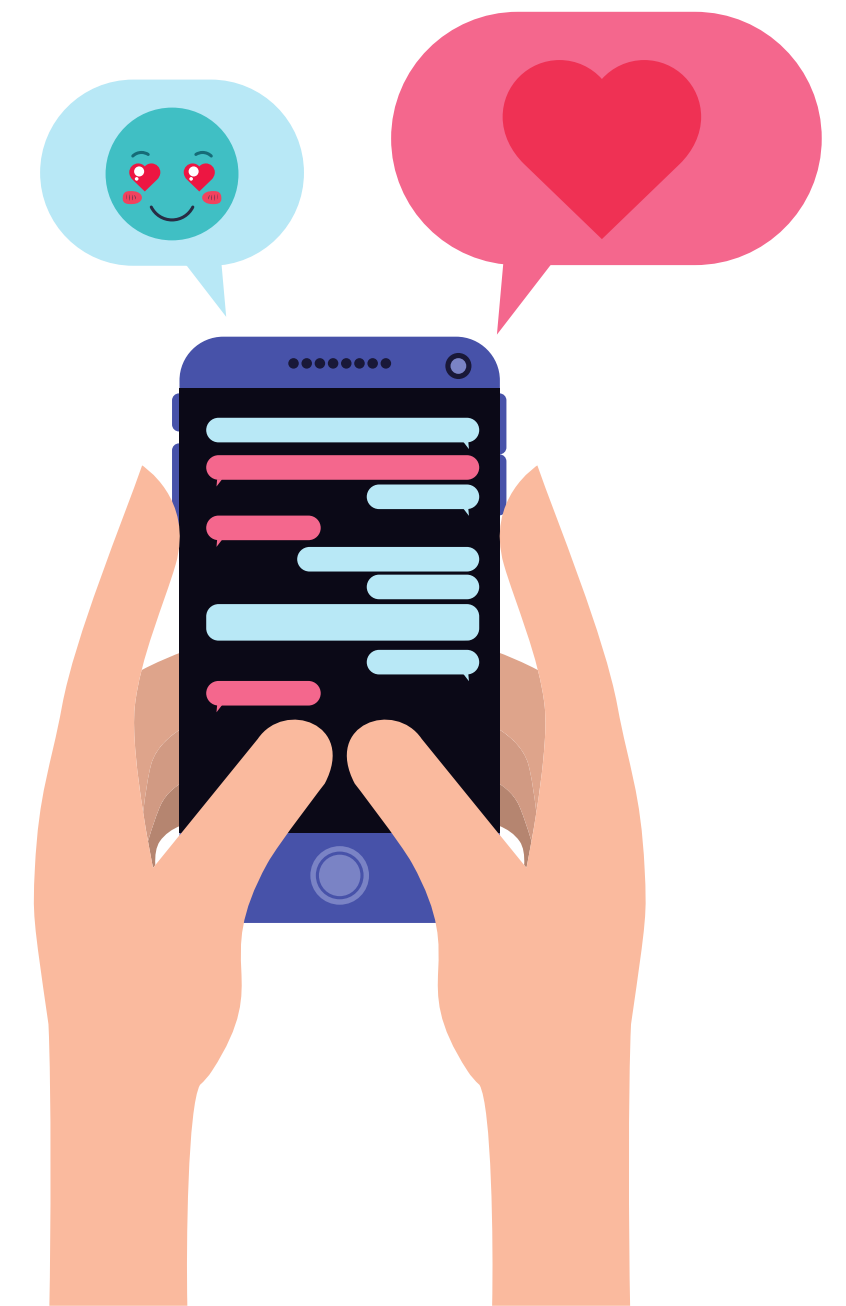
Shortly afterwards, she receives a notification that Aleks has taken a screenshot. When she asks him why he saved it, he assures her that he will not show it to anyone.

Once we send an (intimate) photograph or video, we can no longer guarantee that the other person will not save it or share it with others. However, that **does not mean they have the right to do so. Consent to sending does not mean consent to saving or further sharing. If someone saves, shows or shares the content without permission, they are **responsible for their actions**.**

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PART THREE

Shortly afterwards, Aleks sends Tara an intimate photo of himself. This catches her completely off guard. Seeing the photo makes her feel uneasy and confused; although she has sent Aleks a photo of herself, it does not occur to her that he might send one back.



**Receiving an intimate photograph that
you did not want to receive is a violation
of your boundaries.**



If someone sends you an intimate photograph, it goes without saying that they want to receive a similar photograph in return.



If two people have exchanged intimate photographs before, there is no need to check again before sending another one whether the other person wants to receive it.



**Sending sexual content to
someone who does not want to
receive it or has not consented
to receiving it is a **form of
sexual harassment.****

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PART FOUR

Without Tara's consent, Aleks sends her photo to a small group containing Maks and Vito. He wants to show off in front of them. While Maks thinks it is strange that Aleks shared the photo, he doesn't say anything. Vito, however, saves the photo to his phone. Later, without either Aleks or Tara knowing, he forwards it to the entire class group chat.



Maks

Vito



Aleks

Recipients in the
class group chat

What did your person (group) do?

What consequences could their behaviour have?

**What could they have done to act more
responsibly or help stop Tara's photograph from
spreading?**

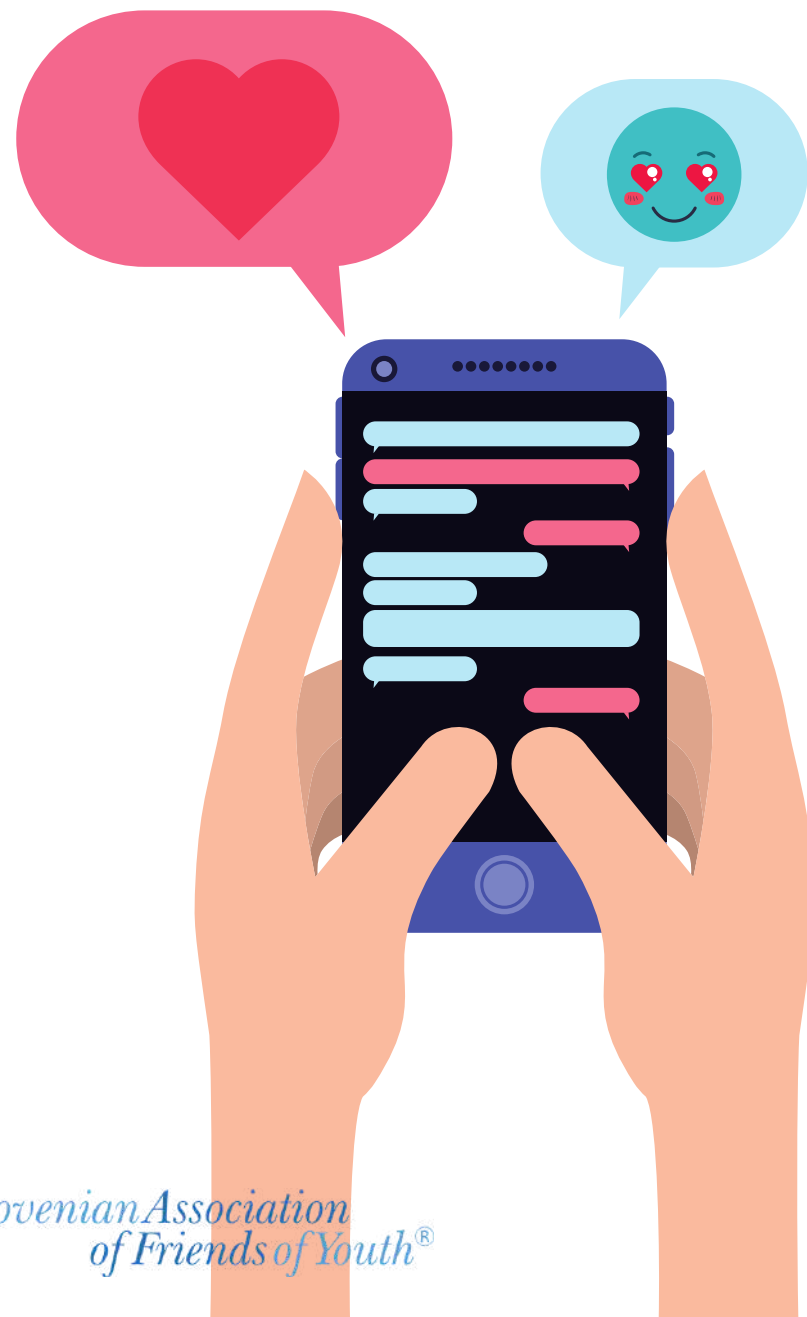
Aleks

Tara

What should Aleks and Tara discuss and agree on before sending each other an intimate photograph?

How can they reduce the possibility of the person in the photograph being identified?

What can they do on their phones or in the app to reduce the possibility of the photograph being seen by someone it was not intended for?





Steps to getting help

Save as much evidence as possible of what has happened.

Report the incident to the police.

Look for ways to limit any further sharing of the photograph and have it removed.

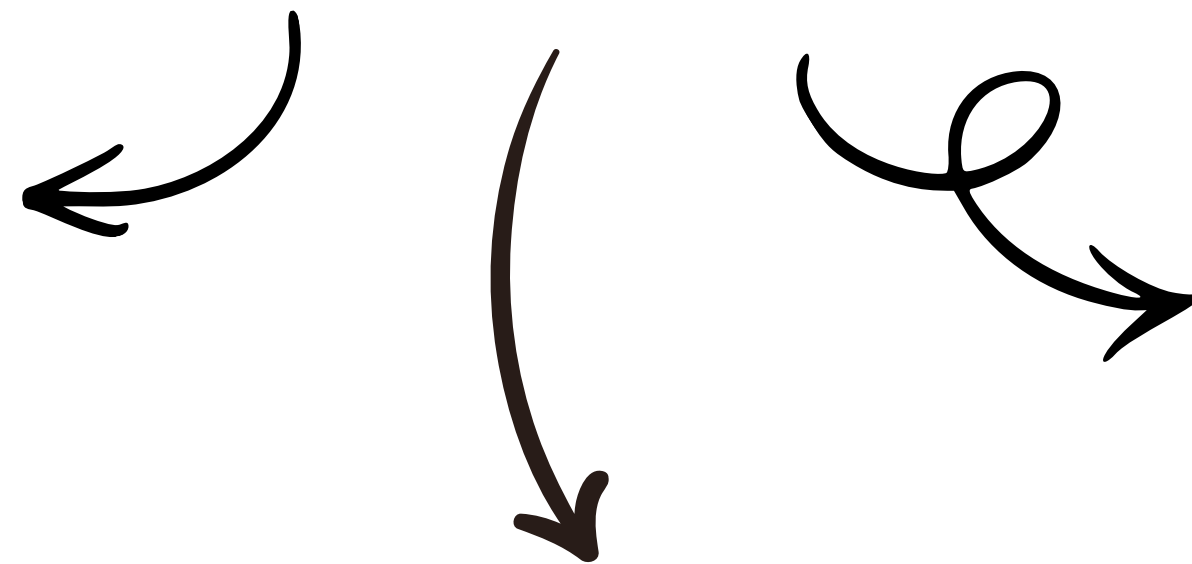
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3. Report the incident to the police.
4. Look for ways to limit any further sharing of the photograph and have it removed.

In a real-life situation, there is not always one perfect order in which to do these things. The most important thing is that the person does not deal with the situation alone and that as much evidence as possible is preserved before any attempt is made to remove the photograph.

Sources of help

for removing intimate photos from the internet



For victims who are of age

StopNCII.org
Stop Non-Consensual Intimate Image Abuse

QUIZ 1

In a healthy online relationship, both persons can say what they are and are not comfortable with, and both can say 'no'.

QUIZ 2

**If a photograph disappears from an app
after it has been viewed, it cannot be
saved or forwarded.**

QUIZ 3

**By sending someone an intimate photo,
you are also allowing them to save it or
show it to other people.**

QUIZ 4

If two people have exchanged intimate photos before, there is no need to check if the other person wants to receive one before sending the next one.

QUIZ 5

A person who shares an intimate photograph without permission is responsible for doing so, even if they did not take the photograph themselves.

QUIZ 6

If we receive another person's intimate photograph in a group chat, we can help by not saving or forwarding it and by asking others not to share it either.

QUIZ 7

If an intimate photograph does not show the person's face, sending it is completely risk-free.

QUIZ 8

Even if someone sent an intimate photo voluntarily at first, they can still seek help if someone else shares it later without their permission.

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Closeness, affection, and trust can also develop between two people online. It is essential that both individuals feel comfortable, that they can speak up if something doesn't feel right, and that each person's boundaries, trust, and privacy are respected.

If someone puts pressure on you, shares intimate content without permission or something goes wrong, you do not have to deal with it alone.

Help is always available.



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